

LOBBY CORPS MINUTES

Meeting #24

March 28, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Reyalyn Villegas called the meeting to order at 2:31pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Reyalyn Villegas, Chief Government Relations Officer
Frances Canales, Senate Representative
Justin Contreras, Senate Representative
Mateo Maya, Senate Representative
Jireh Deng, Student-at-Large/Vice Chair (Dp @3:23pm)
Hamzah Khatib, Student-at-Large
Jude Khatib, Student-at-Large
Leen Almahdi, ASI Vice President

Voting Members Absent

Non-voting Members Present

Lindsay San Miguel, Assistant Director
Government Affairs & Initiatives (Ar @ 2:39pm/Dp @ 3:30pm)

Non-voting Members Absent

Autumn Farmer, AVP Legislative &
External Relations' Designee

3. APPROVAL /CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(M) J. Khatib (S) Maya to approve the Lobby Corps Agenda, Meeting #24, March 28, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 8-0-0

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #22, March 14, 2019

(M) Canales (S) H. Khatib to approve the Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #22, March 14, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 8-0-0

B. Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #23, March 21, 2019

(M) Canales (S) Contreras to approve the Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #23, March 21, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 8-0-0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

6. REPORTS

A. Chief Government Relations Officer
CSSA March Plenary Meeting
University Affairs Committee

- Public comments were made regarding implementation of an annual Cultural Competency Training for faculty, staff, and students
- Justice for Josiah Resolution has been approved
- Amendments were made on the CSSA Scholarship Policy

Legislative Affairs Committee

Committee has voted on the following legislative bills:

- SB 2: Statewide Longitudinal Database
 - This would establish the Statewide Longitudinal Student Database to collect and store data regarding individual
 - students as they matriculate through P-20 into the workforce
- 2. SB 3: Office of Higher Education Coordination, Accountability, and Performance
 - This would establish said office and give it specified functions and responsibilities from all higher education segments to create a standardized form to verify the work study exemption status of students who are approve and anticipating participation in state/federal work study
- 3. SB 173: CalFresh Workstudy
 - This would require the Department of Social Services to work with representatives from all higher education segments to create a standardized form to verify the work study exemption status of students who are approve and anticipating participation in state/federal work study
- 4. SB 148: California Promise
 - This would expand the California Promise program at the CSU which aims to increase the graduation rate, lower cost, and ensure that the number of degrees meets the needs of California employers
- 5. AB 514: Second Voting Student Trustee Bill
 - When a student is appointed to serve on the CSU Board of Trustees, they serve a year as a non-voting member. After completion of that year, they then become the voting student trustee. Currently, two students serve as trustees. This bill will vest both students the ability to vote from the beginning of their term for both years of the term
- SB 660: Mental Health Counselors
 - This bill would require that there be one full-time equivalent mental health counselor per 1,500 students at each higher education institution, applicable even in summer and winter sessions
- SB 467: Cost of Attendance
 - This would ensure institutions are clearly listing the prices of off-campus housing in the areas surrounding campuses and estimates of other costs such as food, transportation, books, and supplies
- AB 542: Cal Grant Expansion
 - This bill would increase the number of Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards annually by 3,000 – going from 25,750 to 28,750
- 9. AB 151: Cal Grant Program
 - This bill would raise the maximum age for receiving a Cal Grant from 28 to 30 years old

B. Vice Chair

- Contacted the following organizations with an invitation to participate in Advocacy Day
 - Justice Corps
 - National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Long Beach Branch
 - Women's Shelter of Long Beach (offered handouts, in lieu of active participation)

C. Students-at-Large Representatives

J. Khatib: Emailed Sen. Chang's staffer regarding questions on Senate Bill 366.

D. Senate

Canales:

- SJEC event: April 18th
- College of Education, Ed Week: April 15th-19th
- Ongoing Mascot Search
- Passed Bylaw Amendment to Types of Elections resolution on its 3rd reading

E. AVP Legislative & External Relations

There was none.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Senate Bill 366: Cyberbullying in Higher Education

J. Khatib reported the following responses to Lobby Corps questions regarding SB366

- How will the bill be implemented on campus: it would be part of the orientation training that all incoming students receive
- Is there going to be a standardized training concerning cyberbullying: is the training for educators or students?
- Are there any costs for supporting the bill: no costs for us
- Are there any guidelines that must be followed for supporting the bill: your organization would write a letter expressing support, which would be used to signify support of this issue among students

Reyalyn: requested J. Khatib to get clarification on the structure of the training. Is there a set structure to follow or do we create our own? Will they provide financial assistance to provide training?

Villegas: detailed training, implementation, and logistical information needed before action can be taken.

**(M) Contreras (S) Deng to table Senate Bill 366: Cyberbullying in Higher Education
VOTE ON THE MOTION**

PASSES 7-0-1

B. Discussion Item: Advocacy Day

Event Date: April 23rd, 11am-2pm, USU Southwest Terrace

H. Khatib shared draft event poster

Information to add to poster/flyer

- Event description
- Event time
- Event location
- Hosted by Lobby Corps
- Add USU to Southwest Terrace

Event purpose: for students to know what organizations they can be involved with

Tagline ideas

- Join the Movement
- Make your Voice Heard

Participating criteria for organizations

- need to align with ASI Policy Agenda, especially Basic Needs (housing, CAPS)
- Bi-partisan

Suggested participating organizations/LBC Member

- ASI (Cabinet, SJEC, Judiciary, Lobby Corps)/Villegas, Canales, Almahdi
- Band of Voters/Maya
- Basic Needs Program/Canales
- Beach Balance/Contreras
- Beach Pantry/Deng
- Beach Scholarship/Canales
- CalFresh/J. Khatib

- CAPS/Deng
- CSSA/Villegas
- Dream Success Center/J. Khatib
- Office of Multicultural Affairs/Contreras
- Student Health Services/H. Khatib
- SustainU/Maya
- Title IX/Maya
- Women and Gender Equity Center/H. Khatib

Due dates

- March 28th: submit poster/flyer work order to ASI Communications
- April 5th: Organizations need to confirm
- April 8th: Marketing

Student participation incentive ideas, upon completion of stamp card

- Pizza
- Craft activity (i.e. button making)

Event t-shirts

- To be worn by Lobby Corps members, in order to advertise event

C. Discussion Item: District Visits

The following are officials weren't visited during CHESS, and Lobby Corps members who will contact them for a district visit:

- Senator Bradford/J. Khatib
- Assembly member Lackey/Contreras
- Assembly member Quirk-Silva/Maya

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: Assembly Constitutional Amendment 8

- Sponsored by Assembly member Evan Low, Twenty-Eighth Assembly District
- Assembly Constitutional Amendment (ACA) 8 lowers the voting age in California from 18 to 17.

Concerns

- What will be done to promote awareness
- Will this redefine what is legally an adult

9. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

Villegas: Happy Birthday to H. Khatib; wished the committee a restful Spring Break.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chair Villegas adjourned the meeting at 3:35pm.